

**ROTHSCHILD WATER UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**211 Grand Avenue**  
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Date: Monday, August 24, 2020

Time: 6:10 pm

Place: **Rothschild Village Hall**

**The meeting is also being presented virtually at the link or phone number below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6953385367>

Or via telephone: 646-558-8656, enter, 6953385367# then enter #

**(Any members of the public who wish to attend this meeting are welcome but need to maintain social distancing of six feet between other members of the public when seated in the audience and masks are required. Masks will not be provided.)**

Pursuant to State Statutes, the following subject matter will come before the Board for consideration and possible action:

1. Call to Order
2. Consideration of doing a Simplified Rate Increase for the Water Utility
3. Adjourn

Signed: *Stacey Stepan*  
Presiding Officer or Designee

Posted at the: Rothschild Village Hall & Rothschild Post Office

By: SS  
Date: 8-21-2020

Daily Herald Notified:  
Via: FAX  
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If there is a quorum of any other governmental body present at the meeting, the existence of the quorum shall not constitute a meeting as no action of such body is contemplated.

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TO: Water Utility Commission Members  
FROM: Gary D. Olsen, Village Administrator  
DATE: August 20, 2020  
RE: Administrator's Report for the August 24<sup>th</sup> Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

**Consideration of doing a Simplified Rate Increase for the Water Utility:**

During the audit presentation, the Village's auditor shared a slide related to the water utility operating results. I have a copy of the slide included in the Commission packet. For 2019, the rate of return is 1.54%. The rate of return should be closer to 3%. The last rate increase took longer to complete which added to the rate of return not being as high as it should be. The PCS allows for a simplified rate increase that can be done one year after a full rate increase was completed. A simplified rate increase would increase water rates by 3%. I have also included in the packet a sample notice of the amounts for the new rates. We are looking for the Commission to approve that we move forward with requesting a simplified rate increase with the PSC. The PSC can then approve or deny the request.

Thank you,  
*Gary*

# Water Utility Operating Results

	2019	2018	2017
Operating revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 502,833	\$ 508,400	\$ 504,784
Other	2,681	2,765	3,116
Total operating revenues	<u>505,514</u>	<u>511,165</u>	<u>507,900</u>
Operating expenses			
Operation and maintenance	407,948	386,632	346,409
Depreciation	24,835	21,733	16,157
Total operating expenses	<u>432,783</u>	<u>408,365</u>	<u>362,566</u>
Operating income	<u>72,731</u>	<u>102,800</u>	<u>145,334</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)			
Interest income	8,035	6,530	1,461
Interest and fiscal charges	(23,094)	(18,586)	(8,964)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(15,059)</u>	<u>(12,056)</u>	<u>(7,503)</u>
Income before contributions	57,672	90,744	137,831
Capital contributions	87,160	-	-
Change in net position	<u>\$ 144,832</u>	<u>\$ 90,744</u>	<u>\$ 137,831</u>
Rate of Return	<u>1.54%</u>	<u>-0.04%</u>	<u>1.93%</u>



**Notice of Rate Increase**  
**Water Customers of the Rothschild Municipal Water Utility**

This is to give you notice that the Rothschild Municipal Water Utility will file an application on August 24, 2020, with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC), for authority to increase water rates. Rates for general service will increase 3.0 percent. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. The request is being made under Wis. Stat. 196.193. Rate increases granted under this statute do not require a public hearing. The effect of the increase for some selected customers is shown below. Public Fire Protection and Wholesale rates (if applicable) will also increase 3.0 percent.

<b>Customer Classification</b>	<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Gallons</b>	<b>Existing Quarterly Rate</b>	<b>Revised Quarterly Rate</b>
Average Residential	3/4	12,000	\$80.40	\$82.77
Multifamily	2	91,500	\$488.18	\$502.50
Commercial	1	58,000	\$294.10	\$302.72
Industrial	4	860,000	\$3,798.00	\$3,911.23
Public Authority	1 1/2	155,000	\$743.75	\$765.52

This rate increase will go into effect on January 1, 2021. If you have any questions about the rate increase request, call the Rothschild Municipal Water Utility at (715) 359-5637.